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The Late B. Gene Aurand to be Honored

Although there was a small settlement in this area of Lancashire long before the Normans invaded the shores of northwest England in 1066, Newburgh, England, came into its own in the 14th Century. The land, cottages, and farms belonged to the Earl of Derby. Most of the villagers were tenant farmers, coal miners, and some canal bargees. Also in the village were a blacksmith and a wheelwright. In later years, there were farmers, a tailor, and a pottery industry as well as seven stage coach inns and pubs. Still a close knit community with an approximate population of 1,200, the citizens of Newburgh, England, pride themselves in their strong desire to maintain the village character. In January, 1994, Newburgh, Lancashire, United Kingdom entered into a "Sister Community" relationship with the Town of Newburgh, Warrick County, Indiana. Newburgh Town Council member B. Gene Aurand was instrumental in establishing this Sister City relationship. He will be honored posthumously as a member of the Local Government Leadership Circle this July at the Sister Cities International 50th Anniversary Celebration Conference in Washington, D.C. His widow, Council member Anne Rust Aurand, will be representing the Town at the conference and will be joined by Newburgh, England, Parish Council President Reg Porter and his wife, Shirley. A special thank you to corporate community partners Alcoa Warrick, Commonwealth Engineers, Newburgh National Bank, and Old National Bank who have made participation in this conference possible.



B. Gene Aurand unveils the "twinning" monument in the UK.

Move to New Town Hall Eagerly Anticipated



Council Chambers



Carnegie
Restoration

Craftsmen from Arc Construction continue the restoration of the Carnegie Library and the remodeling of the 1984 building addition for the new town administrative offices. Chair Anne Rust Aurand targets early July for the move.

Newburgh Community Pool Opens for the Season

Pool Operating Hours

May 27 - August 14

Mon.-Fri: 11 am - 6 pm

Saturday: 11 am - 7 pm

Sunday: noon - 7 pm

Lap Swim

Mon. & Wed. 7 am - 8 am

June 12 - August 3

Dolphins Swim Team

June 12 - July 21

Admission

Adult: \$3.00 per day

Senior (55 and older): \$1.50

Child (2 and younger): free

Season family and single passes are also available.

Swim Lessons

Four (4) sessions available from June 12 thru August 3

Mon.-Thurs.

morning & evening classes
Sign up at the pool beginning May 20

Passes

Preseason passes may be purchased ON or BEFORE May 26 at the pool.

May 20: noon - 5 pm

May 21: noon - 4 pm

May 22-26: 4 pm - 7 pm

Aqua

Aerobics

Mon. 3 pm

Tues. 5 pm

Wed. 3 pm

Thurs. 5 pm

Starts in June

Pool Phone # 853.0051

Bob Seibert, Park Commissioner



Sewer Master Lift Station Update

The Town of Newburgh's Sewer Department has been highly effective at providing quality sewer service to the residents and businesses in the Town of Newburgh, Ohio Township and Anderson Township. While the area has experienced exponential growth over the past three decades, the utility has managed to provide attractive rates while continuing to provide necessary expansions in the system. This delicate balance between providing for future expansions while keeping sewer rate increases within an acceptable tolerance is difficult to manage.

The Town is in the final stages of completing a \$10 million dollar expansion project in the wastewater collection system which will allow for future growth in the western corridor of the county. This project was originally identified in a 2003 Master Plan Update as a priority project intended to allow for such future growth and expansion as well as to prevent potential bottlenecks in parts of the system near capacity. The project consists of ten (10) miles of pipe and a large pumping station situated in the northwestern quadrant of Ohio Township, just west of the intersection of Libbert Road and Vann Road. Incorporated into the project's design is pretreatment of the wastewater. This cutting edge pretreatment technology, referred to as super oxygenation, works by injecting pure oxygen into the waste stream. The purpose is to mitigate odor caused by the decomposition of waste while en route to the wastewater treatment plant located on Vanada Road. The use of this technology has been applied within other sewer collection systems and has worked efficiently and effectively.



West Side Lift Station, April 2006

This project is unique not only because of the use of new technologies, but also because of the cooperative efforts between governmental entities funding the project. The Town of Newburgh, through its sewer commission, worked diligently with the Warrick County Commissioners and the Economic Development Advisory Commission to provide funding for this improvement project. This cooperative effort resulted in minimizing the rate increases because the project was not

solely funded by the Newburgh Sewer Department. Warrick County officials recognized the economic benefits provided to the County by constructing this project. This project was the most significant construction project completed in the Newburgh wastewater collection system to date and is scheduled to be placed online in May 2006.

Shari Sherman, Sewer Commissioner; Ken Hughes, Sewer Committee

David Hynes, Town Engineer

The Future of Kiwanis Community Playground

In 1943, the Kiwanis Club of Newburgh deeded the property bounded by First, Filmore, Third, and Polk Streets to the Town of Newburgh. This property had for years provided a sand lot ball field and playground for the neighborhood children. The transfer of this property was to ensure that the land would be used for a playground, to be referred to as Kiwanis Community Playground, or provide for a community meeting place. From the early 1960s until last year, Newburgh Junior Baseball used the playground for an organized baseball program. Now the Town is faced with a decision about this property and the redefinition of its use within the parameters of the deed restrictions.

For many years, the Kiwanis Club has operated their functions and activities, as well as those of Boy Scout Troup #305 and AA, from a location a block away at 410 Filmore. With the expected expansion of

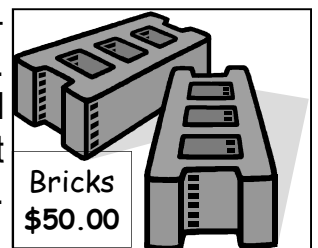
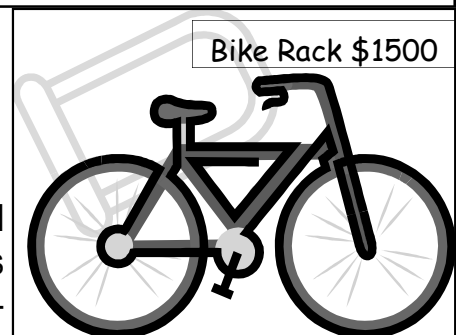
Newburgh Elementary School, the Kiwanis building on Filmore is to be purchased by the Warrick County School Corporation. The Kiwanis Club has requested the Town allow them to construct a metal frame community building on part of the playground land to accommodate the activities currently housed at their Filmore building. They propose the southern half of the land be used for a small, non-regulation ball field and track which might also be utilized by Newburgh Elementary. The Town Council wants and needs citizen input. Please email or send via postal mail any comments on this proposal. Please note that the deed restrictions require only two (2) possibilities for this land: a community playground or a community building. Send email to ceburger@newburgh-in.gov or postal to P.O. Box 6, Newburgh, IN 47629.



Ready for that Jog or Bike Ride Along the Rivertown Trail?

The Town is working with ACE (American Consulting Engineers) and Green 3 on the development of the 4.5 mile trail connecting Angel Mounds State Historic Site to the new Locks & Dam Park. Plans continue to develop. The date for the Certified Public Hearing for the environmental por-

tion is still a couple of months away. ACE is charged with tackling the engineering feats for the trail, especially east of town, while Green 3 continues creative work on the trailheads, interpretative signage, and the landscaping aspect of the trail. The Women's Club of Newburgh recently agreed to sponsor a trailhead in the amount of \$10,000. Sponsorships for bricks, bike racks, and benches will be available for placement along the trail and at the trailheads.



Indian Hill Overlook Park

What is believed to have been a Native American campsite, once full of arrowheads and other artifacts, is the latest addition to the Newburgh Park system.

Following almost four years of negotiations with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the property on Hwy. 66 formerly known as the overlook, has been leased to the Town of Newburgh and will be improved, maintained, and policed by the town as a park and trailhead. The property, adjacent to the planned Rivertown Trail Greenway project, will be accessible to walkers, joggers, and bicyclists by using what was once the drive leading to one of the area's most unique homes, Indian Hill.

In 1933, Evansville attorney Paul H. Schmidt and his wife, Samuella, built a pueblo-style, \$375,000, fourteen room home with foot thick walls and a striking view of the Ohio River. Their structure replaced a home built in 1924 which had been destroyed by fire. The Schmidts retained the pillars marking the entrance to the property from old Hwy. 66, and the name of the site, "Indian Hill," which is carved into those pillars.

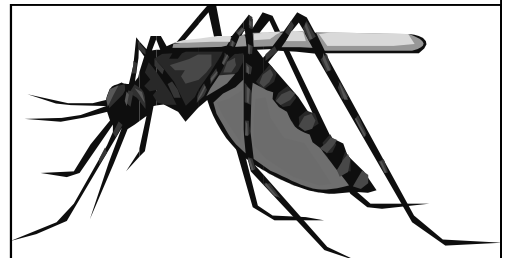
When construction for the new Locks & Dam 47 was begun by the Army Corps in 1966 at the site of Cypress Beach, the Schmidt property, perched high above the dam, was purchased. The Corps offered to sell the house, with the stipulation it be moved. Finding no takers, the house was razed in 1970.

With a new name, Indian Hill Overlook Park, and a new image as a family-oriented spot for picnicking and hiking, the town will hold a grand re-opening party for the park this summer. The Town of Newburgh is proud to partner with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to offer this beautiful area to the citizens of our community and visitors.

Anne Rust Aurand

Getting Rid of Those Pesky Mosquitoes

The Town of Newburgh conducts an annual mosquito control program with Action Pest Control in an effort to alleviate the mosquito problem in our neighborhoods. This includes larvae sampling and monitoring, complete larvacide application, and adult fogging. Spraying, however, will not completely control these pesky insects. We all need to do our part to help control these pests.



On Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall, Action Pest is holding a training presentation for property owners on mosquito awareness and how individuals can contribute to controlling these and other pests on their own property as well as in our neighborhoods.

One of the Easter Parade Grand Champions walks with his mom.



Street Commissioner Ken Hughes made certain the Town maintenance crews had the downtown in tip top shape for the 1st Annual Easter Parade. That, of course, was in addition to the crew's regular mowing, trimming, and storm water projects.

Ken Hughes,
Street Commissioner

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Fire Chief Holds Fire Extinguisher Class



As required by the Town of Newburgh Safety Program, all Town employees were trained recently on the safe use and operation of fire extinguishers by Fire Chief Greg Lueken.

Fire District Update

The issue of a fire district for the Town and the surrounding area is still under discussion. The Town Council is working with the Warrick County Commissioners in the formation of a committee to study this concept and fire protection, in general, for the citizens of the Town of Newburgh. The concern of the Council is, first and foremost, safety. The Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association has, for many years, provided expert fire safety to the citizens. The Council, too, must consider the cost for the citizens it represents. According to the proposed budget for the new fire district presented by the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association, property taxes for the citizens within the corporate limits of Newburgh would nearly double to provide fire protection. This district would include the Town as well as portions of the township. The citizens of the Town would be paying more for fire protection within the Town as well as paying for fire protection in the township.

Careful consideration must be made regarding the impact this would have on all the citizens in the community.

Newburgh Officials

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Superintendent John Fischer 853.6648

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FIRE

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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc 853.2815

RECYCLING EFFORTS CONTINUE

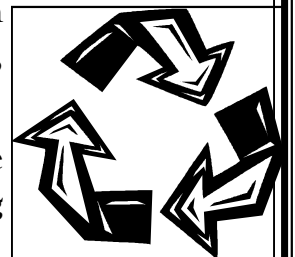
Bill Kavanaugh reports that recycling efforts continue to improve in Newburgh with a 9 % decrease in landfill usage last month. As spring cleaning begins, please remember to continue those positive recycling efforts.

In conjunction with Alcoa, Warrick County Solid Waste Management will be holding its semiannual **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Day** on Saturday, May 13 from 8 AM to 2 PM at Alcoa Warrick Operations.

Ohio River Sweep will be held on Saturday, June 17. Please report to the Old Lock & Dam site for trash bags, instructions, and to sign release papers.

For more information call 897.6210.

Bill Kavanaugh, Town Council President



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Old Lock & Dam
River City Ramblers 853.5184

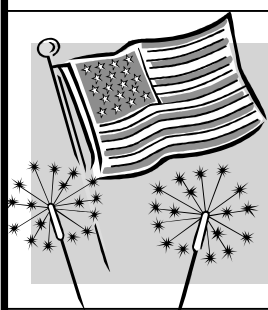


July 4th Celebration

Fireworks sponsored by
Historic Newburgh, Inc.
On the Riverfront 9 PM

Phone HNI
853.2815

Kiwanis
sponsored
PARADE



Upcoming Events

Historic Newburgh 1st Annual Wine & Art Festival

Friday and Saturday, May 19 & 20, 2006

Evansville Living Magazine and Historic Newburgh, Inc. are proud to present the first Historic Newburgh Wine & Art Festival. The festival begins on Friday, May 19, with a special wine tasting and judging to determine the "Peoples Choice" of the dozen Indiana wineries attending the festival. This reservation only event will be held under the tent at the Old Lock & Dam Park 7-9 P.M. Saturday, May 20, the main event will open to the public at noon with continued wine tasting.

More information 853.2815

Food vendors with fruit, bread, cheese, and chocolate as well as artisans and live music will make the event complete.

